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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT:

CLAUS SCHIERZ ET AL-1 (PCT)

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PETITION UNDER RULE 136(a) AND RULE 17(a)(3)

ATTN: MAIL STOP FEE AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

P.O.Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, under Rule 136(a), to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated July 9, 2003, for four months, from September 9, 2003 to January 9, 2004. Submitted herewith, under Rule 17(a)(3), is a check in the amount of \$1,450.00 to cover the cost of the extension for a Large Entity.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additionally required fee, or to credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 03-2468.

Respectfully submitted, CLAUS SCHIERZ ET AL.

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Enclosure: Check in the amount of \$1,450.00

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: MAIL STOP FEE AMENDMENT, Commissioner of Patents, U.S. PTO, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on January 7, 20q3. Λ

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